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SUBJECT: COMMENTS OF MALIK AND IBNU SUTOWO ON INDONESIA AND
ARAB OIL BOYCOTT

1. ACCORDING NOV 24 PRESS REPORTS, MALIK SAID AT NOV 23
PRESS CONFERENCE THAT INDONESIA FULLY SUPPORTS ARAB OIL
BOYCOTT POLICY. HE CALLED BOYCOTT AN EFFECTIVE POLITICAL
WEAPON FOR SPEEDING LIBERATION OF ISRAELI-HELD ARAB
TERRITORY.

2. MALIK ACKNOWLEDGED, HOWEVER, THAT BOYCOTT IS A "TWO-
EDGED SWORD" AND THAT ARABS AND OTHER DEVELOPING NATIONS
WHICH IMPORT GOODS FROM INDUSTRIAL NATIONS AFFECTED BY
BOYCOTT MUST PAY HIGHER PRICES FOR IMPORTS AS A RESULT.

3. MALIK TOOK DIFFERENT LINE ON BOYCOTT IN CONVERSATION
WITH THE AMBASSADOR NOV 21. HE TOLD AMBASSADOR OIL
EMBARGO WOULD HURT EVERYONE, INCLUDING FRIENDS OF THE
ARABS, BUT AGREED WITH AMBASSADOR THAT LIFTING OF EMBARGO
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WAS RELATED TO MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT AND THOUGHT EMBARGO

WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE EXTENDED BEYOND SIX MONTHS.

4. MALIK'S PRO-ARAB PRESS CONFERENCE REMARKS RECALL HIS RECENT COMMENTS IN CANBERRA IN WHICH HE DENIED REPORTED STATEMENT OF PERTAMINA DIRECTOR IBNU SUTOWO IN NEW YORK SPEECH THAT INDONESIA WOULD INCREASE OIL SHIPMENT TO US. MALIK ADDED IN CANBERRA STATEMENT THAT INDONESIA WOULD NOT INCREASE OIL SUPPLIES TO ANY COUNTRIES AFFECTED BY ARAB BOYCOTT.

5. IN SPEECH IN SURABAYA AUGUST 16, IBNU SUTOWO REPEATED EARLIER STATEMENTS IN NEW YORK SPEECH THAT GOI MUST STEER CLEAR OF OIL WARFARE. HE SAID INDONESIAN OIL POLICY IS BASED SOLELY ON THE NATION'S DEVELOPMENT NEEDS.

6. COMMENT: NOTWITHSTANDING MALIK'S PUBLIC DEMURRERS IBNU'S STATEMENT THAT INDONESIA IS KEEPING OUT OF OIL WAR IS ACCURATE STATEMENT OF GOI OIL POLICY.
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